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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Angel, treasured residents of Ellington, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on May 5, 2007, with a festive celebration to be held at the Ellington City Hall; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on May 6, 1947, Gerald E. Angel and LaVerne Phelps began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Ellington; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Gerald and LaVerne Angel have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, a proud father, caring husband, and local historian who was integral in the placement of The Civil War Fortification at Barnesville on the National Register of Historic Places, Mr. Angel provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through forty years of employment at Allied Construction Equipment Company, while Mrs. Angel enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a stellar employee of JCPenney and child care provider for her grandsons; and

Whereas, charter members of the Reynolds County Genealogical and Historical Society who volunteer at the Reynolds County Historical Museum, Gerald and LaVerne Angel attribute their sixty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three daughters, Sharon Niedringhaus, Carol Massie, and Cheryl VanNoy; and their thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Gerald and LaVerne Angel have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Gerald and LaVerne Angel upon the glorious celebration of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Angel.

Offered by

Representative J.C. Kuessner District No. 152

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1355, adopted March 26, 2007.